

10 any surface within said cavity, said detachable elongate tip portion having a
11 plurality of filaments or fine hairs extending therefrom.

B3 1 ~~28.~~ ⁴ (once amended) The apparatus of claim ~~25~~ ¹ wherein said elongate tip
2 portion is detachable from said core wire by a mechanical [means] coupling.

Remarks

Claims 1 - 24 were original in the application and have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 25 - 30 were added as better defining the invention.

The Examiner has objected to claim 28 for claiming a means without defining structure. Applicant has removed the "means" term and inserted a structurally defining term "coupling".

Rejection Under 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 25, 26, 28 and 29 were rejected as obvious over **Anderson** in view of **Chee**. **Anderson** was cited for showing the basic device including a coil and **Chee** was cited for showing the addition of filaments to a coil.

Anderson shows an mechanism for unscrewing a coil from a guidewire tip. **Anderson** was earlier disclosed in the immediate parent application, but is again specifically mentioned to emphasize that **Anderson** is distinguished in the invention by a coupling that allows the coils to be detached from the guidewire without displacement of the coil or assertion of any force thereon, i.e. a forceless letting go.